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1. A specialist from the Scientific Research Institute for Railroad Transportation in Moscow visited the East Germany Ministry of Transport [redacted] and discussed the production and use in East Germany of railroad ties made of steel and pressed concrete. 25X1
2. Two kinds of steel are used in East Germany in the manufacture of such ties: 25X1
  - a. Rolled steel /Russian term: prndkovaya stal/ (sic: prokatnaya)
  - b. String steel /Russian term: strunnaya stal/ (sic)
3. The Russian specialist was particularly interested in the manufacturing processes used in East Germany and asked for technical drawings<sup>1</sup>.

Comment: Few steel and concrete ties have been laid so far in the USSR but their use there is to be extended.

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